

REPORTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AFFAIRS.

JANUARY 10, 1827.

Read twice, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

## A BILL

*Providing for the gradual increase of the Corps of Engineers, and for other purposes.*

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2       *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That*  
3       the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, autho-  
4       rized to add to the Corps of Engineers, whenever he may  
5       deem it expedient to increase the same, one Lieutenant Colonel,  
6       two Majors, six Captains, six first and six second Lieutenants :  
7       *Provided, That no appointment shall be hereafter made in*  
8       said Corps, except from the graduates of the Military Acade-  
9       my; and that not more than three Lieutenants shall be added  
10      annually, over and above the number necessary to fill vacan-  
11      cies which may occur in said Corps, until the whole Corps  
12      shall take the form and organization above prescribed.

1       SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That the pay and emolu-*  
2       ments of the officers of the said Corps shall be equal to those  
3       allowed to the officers of light dragoons, under the act of the  
4       twelfth of April, one thousand eight hundred and eight, except  
5       so far as relates to the rations allowed to the subalterns by

6 said act; in lieu of which the Lieutenants of said Corps shall  
 7 be entitled to receive the same subsistence as is now allowed  
 8 to the other Corps of the Army; and that, in cases in which  
 9 forage is not drawn in kind, the officers of the said Corps  
 10 shall be entitled to receive, in lieu thereof, eight dollars per  
 11 month for each horse which said officers may, by their rank,  
 12 be entitled to keep.

1        SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That so much of the  
 2 act, passed the twenty-ninth day of April, one thousand eight  
 3 hundred and twelve, entitled "An act making further provi-  
 4 sion for the Corps of Engineers," as provides that one Pay-  
 5 master shall be taken from the subalterns of the Corps of  
 6 Engineers, be, and the same is hereby, repealed; and that the  
 7 Paymaster, so authorized and provided, be attached to the  
 8 Pay Department, and be, in every respect, placed on the foot-  
 9 ing of other Paymasters of the Army.

1        SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That the officers autho-  
 2 rized to be appointed by this act be subject to the rules and  
 3 articles of war, as they are now, or may be hereafter, estab-  
 4 lished.

1        SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That all letters and  
 2 packets to and from the Chief Engineer, which may relate to  
 3 his official duties, shall be free from postage.